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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF SOVIET AMBASSADOR FALIN

1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR FALIN IS LEAVING THE FRG IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT SOUGHT AGREEMENT FOR A SUCCESSOR THOUGH LAPIN IS THE NAME MOST FREQUENTLY MENTIONED.

2. FALIN HAS OFFICIALLY TOLD THE FRG HE IS LEAVING IN EARLY SEPTEMBER (SEPTEMBER 2, ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE) AND IS CURRENTLY IN THE MIDST OF HIS FAREWELL CALLS. THE GERMANS UNDERSTAND FALIN WILL BECOME ZAMYATIN'S
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DEPUTY FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

3. THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT REQUESTED AGREEMENT FOR A SUCCESSOR TO FALIN NOR HAVE THEY INDICATED WHEN THE NEW MAN MIGHT BE COMING. THE GERMANS HAVE HEARD INFORMALLY THAT BOTH BONDARENKO AND KOVALEV HAVE TURNED DOWN THE

AMBASSADORIAL JOB. ONE SOURCE ADVISES THAT, CONTRARY TO SOME PRESS REPORTS, ABRASIMOV WAS NEVER CONSIDERED FOR THE POSITION. AT THE MOMENT, CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR RADIO AND TV LAPIN IS MOST FREQUENTLY MENTIONED AS FALIN'S SUCCESSOR.

4. THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF LAPIN AS THE NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR. LAPIN IS VIEWED HERE AS A HARD LINER AND A DIFFICULT INTERLOCUTER. AS ONE FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL NOTED, HIS APPOINTMENT WOULD NOT BE IN HARMONY WITH THE EUPHORIC TONES PRESENTLY EMANATING FROM MOSCOW ON FRG-SOVIET RELATIONS. MEEHAN

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